funds under JRY has been satisfactory. The first instalment of JRY funds are normally released by the Centre without any precondition. To ensure timely utilization of funds by the State Governments, the second instalment is released to the implementing agencies only when they have utilized 50% or more of the available funds with them i.e. opening balance of the year and the amount received during the year. JRY being an on-going programme, 15% of the funds are permitted to be carried forward to enable smooth implementation.

(d) and (e) A total number of 643 cases of misuse of funds have been brought to the notice of the Government of India during the last three years (i.e. 1992-93 to 1994-95). Involvement of Panchayats in the implementation of the Yojana has brought about the much desired transparency and the number of complaints regarding misuse of JRY funds are relatively few. None the less when complaints are received in the Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment, they are referred to the concerned State Governments for appropriate enquiry and remedial action. Some of the State Governments have suspended the officers/surpanches found responsible for misuse of JRY funds. Criminal cases have also been initiated against the officers and Sarpanches who have committed irregularities in the utilization of JRY funds.

गुजरात के सीमावर्ती क्षेत्रों में सड़कें

599. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गुजरात में कच्छ के सीमावर्ती क्षेत्रों में रक्षा मंत्रालय के नियंत्रणाधीन सड़कों की संख्या कितनी है और प्रत्येक की लम्बाई कितनी है;

(ख) क्या किसी सड़क के रख-रखाव/उसको चौड़ा किये जाने/उस पर कोल तार बिछाये जाने की आवश्यकता है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(घ) इस सड़कों पर कार्य कब आरम्भ किया जायेगा; और

(ङ) इसकी अनुमानित लागत क्या है?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन): (क) गुजरात में कच्छ के सीमा क्षेत्रों में कोई भी सड़क रक्षा विभाग की नहीं है।

(ख) से (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Outbreak of Malaria in Several Parts of Country

600. SHRI O.P. KOHLI:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2693 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th March, 1995 and state:

(a) the broad outlines of the Malaria Eradication Programme of Government; and

(b) the specific efforts being made to implement this programme effectively to save the people from the onslauht of Malaria, particularly in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) The National Malaria Eradication Programme (NMEP) aims at reducing morbidity, eliminating deaths due to the disease, providing drugs at the village level, undertaking active and passive surveillance and research into new methods of controlling the disease.

(b) The following steps have been taken for effective implementation of the programme in the country including Delhi:—

— Early detection and prompt treatment;

— Vector Control to interrupt transmission with proper insecticides;

— Anti-larval measures with larvicides to eliminate mosquito breding sources; and